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Additional Truck Concentrations in East China

Recent photography discloses that an increasing number of trucks are being assembled at strategic locations along the main overland lines of supply to the East China/Formosa Strait area. Photography of 25 November 1955 reveals that 200 trucks have been assembled at Nan-p'ing, about 50 miles south of Chien-ou. 1/ This is the first evidence of the concentration of a large number of trucks in Nan-p'ing, and the photography indicates that the trucks are not yet located in active motor pools. Photography of 26 November disclosed approximately 100 trucks in a warehouse area about 10 miles northwest of Foochow. 2/ These 100 trucks may be in addition to some 200 trucks which have been in evidence in the vicinity of Foochow and Nantai for several months. At least 200 trucks are known to be located in the immediate area of Chien-ou.

Chien-ou and Nan-p'ing are emerging as key transport centers on roads connecting the coastal area with military supply depots located along the main Shanghai-Canton rail line. Chien-ou is a junction point for roads southeast to both Amoy and Foochow and at Nan-p'ing, which is midpoint on the road to Amoy, there are minor port facilities from which supplies can be transhipped downriver to Foochow. These routes have undergone substantial improvement and in early 1955 the bridge at Nan-p'ing was completed, thus eliminating the last ferry point on either route. These improvements, together with the establishment of large truck pools at strategic points along the roads, are evidence of increasing capabilities for logistic support of military forces and installations in the East China/Formosa Strait area. The most recent evidence of the assembly of a large number of vehicles at Nan-p'ing may indicate that the actual tempo of supply activity is being increased.

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